

# BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.

No. 12 of 1924.

[Promulgated 25th April, 1924.]

## PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the High Commissioner

Entitled the Public Health (Bechuanaland Protectorate)  
Proclamation, 1924.

Whereas it is desirable to make provision for preventing the introduction into the Bechuanaland Protectorate (herein after called "the territory") and the spread therein of infectious or contagious disease and for preserving the public health therein;

Now therefore under and by virtue of the powers in me vested I do hereby declare, proclaim, and make known as follows:—

1. The Resident Commissioner may, subject to the approval of the High Commissioner from time to time make regulations for the purpose of preventing the introduction into or dissemination within the territory of any infectious or contagious disease, and in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the power hereby conferred, such regulations may provide:—

- (a) for regulating, restricting or prohibiting the entry into or departure from the territory or the movement from one part of the territory to another of any person or any specified class or description of persons;
- (b) for regulating, restricting or prohibiting the introduction into the territory or the transport from one part of the territory to another of any animal or thing;
- (c) for the medical examination, detention, quarantine, disinfection, vaccination, inoculation, isolation or surveillance of persons or specified classes of persons residing in or entering or leaving the territory or the examination, detention or disinfection of animals, articles or things;
- (d) for declaring and establishing ports of entry for the purpose of such regulations and for closing any or all of the borders of the territory for such period as the Resident Commissioner may deem necessary or advisable.

2. (1) The Resident Commissioner may, subject to the approval of the High Commissioner from time to time make local public health regulations for such local areas within the territory as are not subject to public health regulations and may, in such regulations, define the limits of such areas and may, subject to the like approval, for the purpose of defraying any expenditure necessary for carrying out such regulations from time to time make orders imposing local rates in respect of the ownership or occupation of property within such areas or requiring the payment of fees for services rendered.

(2) Local regulations made under this section may provide for the regulation of sanitation, water supply, and the sale of food or other articles and for the prevention and control of infectious diseases, and for such other matters as may be considered necessary by the Resident Commissioner in the interests of public health.

(3) Every regulation or order made under this section shall, when approved by the High Commissioner, be published in the *Gazette* and shall thereupon have the force of law within the area for which it is made.

3. Any medical officer or any person duly authorized thereto in writing under any regulations made in pursuance of this Proclamation may enter at any time by day upon any premises for any purpose authorized by any such regulation.

4. Any person who shall contravene or aid or abet the contravention of any regulation made under this Proclamation or of any order issued under any such regulation or who shall wilfully obstruct or resist the lawful exercise of any of the powers conferred by this Proclamation or any such regulation shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding ten pounds or in default of payment to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding six months.

5. This Proclamation may be cited as the Public Health (Bechuanaland Protectorate) Proclamation 1924 and shall have force and take effect from the date of its publication in the *Gazette*.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Pretoria this Nineteenth day of April One thousand Nine hundred and Twenty-four.

ATHLONE,

High Commissioner.

By Command of His Excellency  
the High Commissioner.

B. E. H. CLIFFORD,  
Imperial Secretary.